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Mayoral race not only contest on consolidated election ballots

While Hoopeston's mayoral race has gotten most of the attention during this election season, it is not the only race.

In Hoopeston, Ward 3 voters must choose between incumbent alderman Drew Allen, challenger Cliff Witty and write-in candidate Jeff Keith.

Incumbents Mark Drollinger, Mike Eckersley and Bill Goodwine are running unopposed.

Grant Township has no contests. Candidates are Carol Flint, supervisor; Susie Sheppard, assessor; Joyce Dukes, clerk; Jim Crouch, road commissioner; and trustees Bill Boose, Dale Lithgow, Steve Willard and Connie Wilson.

In the Hoopeston Public Library District, incumbent trustees Larry Jahn and Tony Hasbargen are seeking re-election.

In Rossville, Mayor Merv Smith and clerk Kathy Roark are running unopposed.

However, trustee races are wide open, with incumbents Richard Comstock, Tom Mills and Mick Braddock vying against former trustee Richard Birkey and newcomers William Galloway and Bill Yoho for three seats.

Polls will open at 6 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m. A list of polling places is listed.

Grant 7 voters to try new, quicker voting sign-up system

Grant 7 voters will be among the first to try a new system to speed up the voting process.

Voters there will use pre-printed voter sign-in forms, said Vermilion County clerk Lynn Foster.

The forms will include voters' names, address and other information. "All they'll have to do is sign them," Foster said.

Where to vote	
Grant 1	North Market St. Fire Station
Grant 2	Ambulance garage
Grant 3	Masonic Lodge
Grant 4	St. Anthony parish hall
Grant 5	St. Anthony parish hall
Grant 6	Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home
Grant 7	Grant Twp. Garage
Grant 8	Antioch Church
Ross 1	Rossville-Alvin High School
Ross 2	Rossville-Alvin Grade School
Ross 3	Rossville Church of Christ
Butler 1	Rankin Village hall
Butler 2	Rankin Fire Station
Butler 3	East Lynn Fire Station
Lovejoy	Wellington Fire Station
Prairie Green	Greer Fire Station
Fountain Creek	Fountain Creek Twp. building

The system is also being tested in a Danville Township precinct.

The two precincts were selected because they "have really experienced judges who won't be intimidated by doing something new," Foster said.

Back to the Garden!
Seed potatoes, onion sets
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Letter to the Editor

HFI owner disputes allegations

Editor's Note: Although Just the Facts does not normally run letters to the editor on election day, an exception is being made today because the following letter responds to charges made last Friday by mayoral candidate David Borders. Due to the fact that the press conference was on a Friday, followed by a holiday, the letter is being printed today.

To whom it may concern:

I am grateful to Mayor Bob Ault and the other supportive members of city government for their help in the very difficult task of establishing Hoopeston Foods, Inc. I am very disappointed, however, that Alderman Borders has made slanderous implications about our sale of farmland to city attorney Jim Spiros.

In fact, to buy Hoopeston Foods, I had to mortgage

everything I own to a Chicago bank. As part of that loan agreement, we were required to obtain local financing. Our lender also required that we sell the excess farmland as soon as possible and apply the proceeds to pay down our loan.

After the purchase was conducted, the farmland was appraised at \$1,700 per acre. We sold one 40-acre tract of land for the appraised value to Edward H. Lockhart. We then signed a contract to sell the other tract for the same price per acre. But the sale for the second parcel fell through because the buyer could not secure financing. We then casually asked Jim Spiros if he knew anyone who would be interested in the farmland. He met the appraised price. That's the end of the story.

I deeply resent the false implications about our relationship with city government, made, of course, at

the last minute before an election. We would not be in Hoopeston but for the cooperation of fine people like Mayor Ault and Jim Spiros. Hoopeston Foods generates \$2 million in annual payroll to the Hoopeston area. We strive to be a good corporate citizen.

Respectfully,
John L. Steele
President/CEO, Hoopeston Foods, Inc.

Footnote: According to Roger Bundy, Hoopeston Foods plant manager, the company pays the city between \$4,000 and \$9,000 monthly for wastewater treatment and has paid nearly \$53,000 in wastewater treatment charges since July 1996. The city has paid electric bills totaling \$23,324 in that time. Additionally, Bundy said the company has paid approximately \$53,000 of its \$100,000 revolving loan.

Hoopeston's
Current Weather
Conditions

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Police News

Jack Simpson, 526 S. Fifth St., reported Sunday that someone took a Chrome Dino VFR bicycle valued at \$400.

Cindy A. Walker, 824 E. Wyman, Apt. 2, reported Monday that someone shot four holes in her 1990 Ford while it was parked at her home.

The Kankakee County Sheriff's Office reported Monday that they found a license plate, CARPVB2, reported missing March 21.

The plate was found in a stolen car.

Briefly

Chamber puzzle winner named

Joyce Morris was selected as the winner of the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce crossword puzzle promotion. Morris received \$100 in Chamber Bucks to be spent in Hoopeston.

Kindergarten pre-registration

Kindergarten pre-registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at Maple Grade School, 500 S. Fourth St. Parents should bring children's birth certificates, shot records and social security numbers.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 27, 1997

Admitted: Stephanie Ford, Fithian; Marie Schwartz and Dorothy Bennett, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Gertrude Harno and Helen Lytle, Hoopeston; Stephanie Ford, Fithian
March 28, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: DeEtta Henk, Dorothy Bennett and James Bailey, Hoopeston.
March 29, 1997

Admitted: Helen Cox, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Mary Forshier, Hoopeston.
March 30, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Marie Schwartz, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today. High in the low 60s. Tonight, clouds developing. Low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 64, low near 44.

Classifieds

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